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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO 21AF MCGURIE AFB NEW JERSEY IMMEDIATE

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CHIEF OF STAFF AIR FORCE IMMEDIATE

MAC SCOTT AFB ILLINOIS PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS SURVEY FOR C-5A

1. DAMASCUS INT'L AIRPORT IS SUITABLE FOR C-5A AIRCRAFT.
PRIMARY RUNWAY 05R/23L IS 11,811 FEET LONG AND 148 FEET
WIDE. SURFACE IS CONCRETE WITH ASPHALT SHOULDERS. DUE TO
SEASONAL WINDS, 23L IS THE PRIMARY ACTIVE RUNWAY.
AIRCRAFT MUST LAND EXECUTE A 180 DEGREE TURN THEN
PROCEED TO APPROACH END OF 23L TO THE TAXIWAY. AT THE END
OF 23L THERE IS AN APRON LARGE ENOUGH FOR C-5A TO TURN
AROUND. R/W INCREASE FROM 148 FEET TO 210 FEET WIDE. WINDS
PERMITTING, RECOMMEND AIRCRAFT LAND ON 05R TO PRECLUDE THE
180 DEGREE TURN ON RUNWAY. TAXIWAY IS 77 FEET WIDE, CONCRETE
SURFACE WITH ASPHALT SHOULDERS. AIRPORT TOWER WILL PROVIDE
PROGRESSIVE INSTRUCTION, TO PARKING AREA. PARKING AREA IS
ISILATED FROM SURFACE TRAFFIC. APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 600 FEET
BY 320 FEET. SURFACE IS CONCRETE, AND IN GOOD CONDITION.

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2. PARALLED RUNWAY 05L/23R IS CLOSED FOR

REPAIRS AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 74.
PRIMARY APPROACH IS VOR TO 23L. NO OBSTACLES IN AIRPORT
VICINITY. ROCKS AND LOOSE GRAVEL PRESENT FOD HAZARD ALONG
RUNWAY AND TAXIWAYS. ONLY FUEL AVAILABLE FOR C-5A IS JP-1.
ADDITIONAL GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

3. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR AIRCREW. THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL
AVIATION DESIRES A THREE HOUR STATIC DISPLAY ON 12 AUG 74
1000-1300 HOURS FOR KEY CIVIL AND MILITARY OFFICIALS ONLY.
SECURITY ARRANGMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED BY HOSTS. TWENTY-FOUR
HOUR COVERAGE IS PLANNED. AIRCRAFT WILL PARK IN AN ISOLATED
AREA. AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART DAMASCUS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
STATIC DISPLAY. AIRCREW ANTI-HIGACKING DEVICES PERMITTED
BUT MUST REMAIN ONBOARD AIRCRAFT. CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS:
SHIRT AND TIE APPROPRIATE, COATS OPTIONAL. TEMPERATURES
DURING DAY EXCEED 110 DEGREES F. EMBASSY OFFICER GARY LEE
WILL ARRANGE FOR AIRCREW TRANSPORTATION, BILLETING AND
CURRENCY EXCHANGE. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO BILLET CREW IN
THE SYRIAN OFFICER' CLUB.

4. MAJ MACCAULAY WILL BRIEF AND ACCOMPANY C-5A TO
DAMASCUS.

5. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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